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## FARM COMPUTER USAGE INCREASES

In 2013, 72 percent of New York farms had computer access, up from 68 percent in 2011 reports Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Sixty-nine percent of New York farms had internet access, up from 66 percent in 2011. Thirty-nine percent used computers for farm business, down from 42 percent two years ago. The primary method of internet access in New York was Cable with 34 percent of the total. DSL was second with 30 percent.

A total of 67 percent of the farms in the United States now have Internet access, compared with 62 percent in 2011. Seventy percent of farms have access to a computer in 2013, up 5 percentage points from 2011. The proportion of United States farms owning or leasing a computer in 2013, at 68 percent, was also up 5 percentage points from 2011. Farms using computers for their farm business increased to 40 percent in 2013 compared to 37 percent in 2011.

In 2013, 84 percent of the farms in the United States with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 83 percent own or lease a computer, 72 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 82 percent have Internet access.

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